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Please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 1 and 55 to read as follows:

1. (TWICE AMENDED) A method for providing access within an eye during an ocular surgical procedure, comprising the steps of:

B1 providing an entry alignment device that is configured so as to provide an entry aperture in each of the conjunctiva and sclera of the eye and maintaining the entry aperture in each of the conjunctiva and sclera aligned during the surgical procedure; and

inserting the entry alignment device into the eye so as to form the entry apertures, where said inserting is accomplished without an incision in the conjunctiva or the sclera.

55. (AMENDED) A method for treating a posterior segment of an eye comprising the steps of:

B2 providing a plurality of entry alignment devices, each entry alignment device being configured so as to provide an entry aperture in each of the conjunctiva and sclera of the eye and maintaining the entry aperture in each of the conjunctiva and sclera aligned during the surgical procedure;

inserting each of the plurality of entry alignment devices into the eye, where said inserting is accomplished without an incision in the conjunctiva or the sclera; and

implementing a corrective procedure for the retina.

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application and request reconsideration of the subject application based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.